

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Legacy Landfills and Corrective Action Office  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, California 95826

**Subject:** FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 21108  
OR 21152 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

**Project Title:** Treatment/Storage/Disposal Facility Closure (Phase I),  
Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation

**State Clearinghouse No.:** 2008042125

**Project Location:** 2081 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, California, 94303

**County:** San Mateo

**Project Description:**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is considering approval of a Closure Plan (CP) of a Treatment Storage and Disposal Facility owned by Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation (Romic) in East Palo Alto, (Environmental Protection Agency identification number CAD009452657). The CP includes procedures to be used in decontamination, disassembly and disposal of all of the above-ground equipment and structures at the Romic facility. This CP was prepared and submitted following guidelines contained in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66264.112. The CP is incorporated by reference.

The Romic facility is located on an irregularly shaped site of approximately 14 acres that connects to Bay Road within the City of East Palo Alto. Hazardous waste operations at the facility were conducted primarily in the central portion of the Facility, which included warehouses for storing and handling containerized waste, tank farms, distillation processing equipment, a fuel blending operations area, and a field services chemical warehouse. The wastewater treatment plant is located on the south central portion of the property. The administration, laboratory, maintenance buildings, and parking lots are also located on the southern portion of the property. The site is paved with concrete with a narrow strip of unpaved area along the perimeter. A paved driveway that is approximately 480 feet in length provides access to the site from Bay Road. The site is paved throughout, except for a narrow strip of unpaved area along the perimeter and a gravel parking area near the Bay Road entrance. The site is sloped to capture drainage and is underlain by a system of drains and sumps. The above-ground hazardous waste management units scheduled for decontamination, disassembly and disposal are located primarily in the Site's Process and Production Area, Storage Buildings, Office and Laboratory Buildings, and Maintenance and Engineering Support Areas.

All equipment will be decontaminated before it is considered for resale, scrap or disposal as waste. The decontamination must meet the approved decontamination criterion. The scope of decontamination is to conduct wet decontamination work in-place and within the confines of the secondary containment area, including all areas of overspray. Structural fixtures will be dismantled and decontaminated within the confines of secondary containment. All decontamination work and verification of decontamination will be concluded prior to equipment removal.

Disassembly of any equipment system will be conducted only after it has been decontaminated and verified as decontaminated. Disassembly set up considerations will include an initial check of equipment interior and exterior sections to ascertain safe and most effective decontamination approach. The disassembly of tanks and associated components will be conducted using an overhead crane to support and lift equipment from the tank or supporting pad.

Demolition will follow disassembly and after limited decontamination of equipment systems it is designated as waste. The demolition of tanks and any associated components not suitable as scrap will be conducted using mechanical shears or similar device to crush, sheer or render the tank into a form acceptable by the designated landfill. An overhead crane or track hoe will be used to lift broken down equipment and set it directly onto a highway transport unit or bulk waste container

Disassembly and Demolition will require application of dust and vapor suppression as well as standard health and safety protocols for the protection of the industrial worker and the surrounding environment.

Transportation of framework to the designated off site location will be consistent with all applicable 49CFR transportation requirements for general bulk commodities and non-hazardous waste.

The project is expected to commence in October 2008 and is expected to take no longer than 12 months to complete the closure plan activities.

As ☒ Lead Agency ☐ a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC approved the above-described project on August 22, 2008 and has made the following determinations:

1. The project ☐ will ☒ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
  2. A ☒ Negative Declaration ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration ☐ Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
  3. Mitigation measures ☐ were ☒ were not made a condition of project approval.
  4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☐ was ☒ was not adopted for this project.
  5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☐ was ☒ was not adopted for this project.
- Findings ☐ were ☒ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final environmental document, comments and responses, and the record of project approval are available to the public at the following location:


San Mateo County Public Library, East Palo Alto Branch  
2415 University Avenue,  
East Palo Alto, California 94303  
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